



ABOUT WARD 4

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.

In the Know

The Bash is Here!

The time has come! This Saturday, July 26th will be the 14th Annual Ward 4 Back to School Bash! This event will be starting at 8 am. First grab your free pancake breakfast that includes sausage and eggs, that was prepared by our fabulous chefs (Tucson Fire Fighters) and served by our great City staff. Soon after that, are great and fabulous volunteers will start handing out school supplies including backpacks that were donated by Cox and Costco. During this time you can check out many of our sponsor tables and gather some great information. You might also want to stop by and get a free haircut from Sports Clips starting at 9am. This is a first come, first serve basis.



You should also stick around to see if you are one of the few who might win a new bike, Nintendo DS, Nabi 2, iPod Shuffles, movies and more fun prizes. There are even prizes for you adults. Before you leave stop by and hang out with TPD Special Operations Division and check out the helicopter or K-9 unit. Their whole crew will be out here, including Bomb Squad, and the SWAT tank. Ashton Company will also be there again with two pieces of heavy equipment to show off. There is so much happening this year; including free swimming, you won't want to miss this!

Paper & Electronics

Recently, we were asked how big the 1st box of paper to be shredded can be. Well, simply, if you can carry the box yourself, it's free. If it takes 2 or 3 people to pick the box up, I would say that a small donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated. Here's the info you need to know about what will be collected.

1st box of paper, remember as long as you can carry the box it qualifies for free shredding. Computers, laptops, printers, network cards, routers, hard drives, floppy and CD-ROM drives, copiers, fax machines, telephones, cell phones, circuit boards, video game equipment, calculators, typewriters, stereo equipment, printers and cartridges, credit card machines, etc. Large appliances will also be accepted, except for dishwashers. If you have monitors and additional boxes of paper for shredding, a donation of \$5.00 (cash only) will be required for each item. This donation will go to benefit Tucson Clean and Beautiful and DM50. Show up at 8123 E. Poinciana on Saturday, August 9th between 8am-11am. Remember to tell your neighbors, friends, etc. If you have questions if your item can be recycled, call Desert Metals Recycling at 741-0608 or Shred-It at 882-9939.

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M&C

The next Mayor and Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 5. Study Session begins at 2pm and Regular session is at 5:30pm. This will be the only meeting in August. So if you have something to say, please show up to Call of the Audience during Regular Session. Here are a few items coming up:

* Discussion Regarding the Unified Development Code Update on the Medical Marijuana Amendment, Initiation of an Amendment on Above Ground Tanks at Hospitals, and the Infill Incentive District Ordinance Sunset Date

* Discussion of Proposed Parameters and Forms of Incentive for the Site Specific Sales Tax Incentive.

To find out what else will be on the agenda, go to <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerk/s/mcdocs>

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The buzzing of the Cicadas are probably best reminder that we are in our hot summer days. What's fascinating is that it's the males that produce this species-specific noise with vibrating membranes on their abdomens. There are different calls although they sound all the same to us can be heard from as far away as 450 yards. These calls are use to express alarm or attract mates.



When young cicada nymphs hatch from their eggs, they dig themselves into the ground to suck the liquids of plant roots. They spend several early life stages in these underground burrows before surfacing as adults. Soon the nymphs emerge from their underground habitats during summer evenings, beginning in June. Holes in the soil about one half inch in diameter mark their exits. They crawl up nearby tree trunks, plants or buildings and cling there. Eventually the back of the nymph begins to split open and the adult winged cicada emerges. Often their hard, transparent leftover skins or exoskeletons are found attached to trees or buildings.

Cicada adults live only three to four weeks. After mating, the female cuts open twigs with her saw-like egg-laying body part, and deposits her eggs in the slits. When the eggs hatch, the nymphs drop to the ground and burrow into the soil in search of food, and the cycle continues.

The species of cicada found in Arizona finish their life cycles in two or three years. This is not true of all cicadas.

Cicadas serve a number of purposes like:

- Cicadas aid their host trees by aerating the soil when they emerge, as well as trimming weaker branches when they lay their eggs.
- Cicadas also form a vital link in the food chain between the sun, trees and literally hundreds of carnivores and omnivores, including: squirrels, birds, toads, raccoons, possums, other insects, people, and even fungi!

So next time your outdoors, look for our summer time friend. Oh, and Cicadas do pee. So if you're walking under a tree and feel a sprinkle, but there isn't a cloud in sight, then lucky you, you just got peed on!

<http://www.cicadamania.com/where.html>



Update

Houghton Road: Irvington to Valencia

Schedule: This project is in the final punch list phase and will be fully completed at the end of the month. We are making minor repairs, and filling in smaller missing pieces. We appreciate your calls regarding areas you noticed that need attention. We also initiated the two-year landscape establishment time, and this will provide ongoing maintenance and care to give everything a good start.

There has been some additional erosion damage from the recent storms, fortunately much less than last year. We are actively working to repair these areas to make sure they don't wash out the paths and roadway. If you live in this area, you know that the soils are incredibly hard when dry, and they collapse when wet.

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions please contact Project Manager MJ Dillard at 837-6616.

Coming Up...

Back to School Events

All Around Town

Recently we came across this blog that had a listing of all back to school events. Yes, the Ward 4's event is top notch and THE best, but if you don't live around here you may want to find one closer, OR you might want to hit up another event after the Ward 4 Bash. Either way, each event offers something different. An easy resource we found was this blog, so check it out at:

<http://arizonafamilies.blogspot.com/2014/07/tucson-back-to-school-events-free.html>.

Sun Link Grand Opening

Friday, July 25

Celebrate the dawn of a new era in Tucson transit. Passenger service for Tucson's new Sun Link Streetcar starts July 25 with a community celebration at 5 districts located along the 4-mile route. Afterward, each Sun Link stop will have a ticket vending machine, where you can purchase a 1-day pass. There are a lot of fun activities happening this weekend. You can also ride for free all weekend long. For more info, check out www.sunlinkstreetcar.com.

"Bowling for Rhinos" 2014

Sunday, Jul 27, 6pm-9pm

The Tucson Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers will host "Bowling for Rhinos" on Sunday, July 27th from 6-9pm at Golden Pin Lanes. Everyone's invited, and all the proceeds benefit rhino and cheetah conservation! Even if you don't bowl, there are some terrific silent auction and raffle items. For more info on this fun filled event, go to <http://reidparkzoo.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/BFR.pdf>.

Model Airplane Make 'N Take

Saturday, Aug 2, 1-2pm, Pima Air Space Museum

This program introduces students to the hobby of model building and the math and historical research used to build accurate scale models. Each student builds a snap-together airplane they can take home and has a chance to view models made by expert model builders from Sonoran Desert Model Builders. This is for children 5 years and older. This is FREE with paid or member admission. Reservations are suggested, so call 618-4819.



In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation> to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>

William Clements Center - 791-5787 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements>

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information or to make a complaint at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti> for more information on removal or reporting.

